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U.S. 51 work in Christian County begins Aug. 12

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced a 5.1-mile maintenance pavement preservation project on U.S. 51 in Christian County, stretching from Moweaqua to Assumption, starting on Thursday, August 12.

Lane closures will be necessary, but at least one lane will always remain open. Traffic will be controlled with the use of flaggers, warning signs and other devices. Work is expected to be complete by early November.

This \$1.3 million project consist of micro-surfacing and cape seal of the pavement. This project is part of IDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan and is intended to extend the lifespan of the road to delay more costly pavement rehabilitation.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,300 miles of highway and 8.4 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Year One included approximately \$2.7 billion of improvements statewide on 1,706 miles of highway, 128 bridges and 228 additional safety improvements.

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